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has a legitimate problem that he brings to us today. I'm really sorry, Senator Fowler, that you would do this. It really pains me. I don't understand you, but sometimes I do understand we're all up for re-election.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well sure now the man's got a problem and as near as I can tell it runs into money, about \$200,000 worth of it. But I was curious if possibly there might not be the proposition as we have had in several other bills this year that funds provided by the state on a temporary basis would be repaid. If ... In not too long a time in order to preclude establishing a precedent here, because we'll have everybody in here with their plumbing bills from Grand Island and places like that there. That's a commercial, Kelly, and it will cost you. I'm afraid we might establish a precedent, but if there is an acute need and there's an apparent proposition that would be repaid at a future date that we could do it on that basis. Possibly Senator Nichol would care to amend his proposition to that effect.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch. Oh, there's a ques.... Senator Dickinson, you call for the previous question?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is shall debate now cease. Have you voted? Shall debate now cease. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 9 nays.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: First of all I'd say that in my fourth year I know I've come into my own because I've been lectured by Senator Mahoney. I'm honored. I would only say that I supported, last year, the bill to create technical college districts as basically autonomous, regional governments, not part of state government. It's much like creating six school districts. What we're now into is that we're going to change that concept and we're going to give specialized aid. There must be a lot of school districts around this state that have leaky roofs and problems such as that. Maybe we should have specialized bills to take care of them. I was a supporter of the bill last year to give them their own tax levy and provide straight state aid. I think that's a concept that we should stay with. I'm not against helping out Western Nebraska, but I think we should provide the assistance to those that are actually state government facilities and not do specialized aid to one political subdivision, which is what Senator Nichol's amendment is doing. If, however, we're going to be playing that game then I just want to take care of a little crisis here in our own community dealing with the Elks. I'd move the adoption of that amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Fowler's amendment to Senator Nichol's amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.